

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A spray container positioning device for use in positioning a spray container relative to a surface, wherein the spray container includes a nozzle that directs a spray onto a surface in a spray pattern, comprising:

5 a light beam positioning arrangement for projecting at least one light beam toward the surface, for use in positioning the spray container and nozzle member relative to the surface, wherein the light beam positioning arrangement includes a light beam generator that generates a linear light beam; and

 a spray container mounting structure in association with the light beam positioning arrangement, ~~adapted for supporting~~ wherein the spray container mounting structure is configured to support the light beam positioning arrangement on the spray container;

wherein the spray container mounting structure and the light beam positioning arrangement are configured such that the linear light beam from the light beam generator is directed toward the surface within the spray pattern, wherein the
15 linear light beam defines a point of light within the spray pattern upon striking the surface to provide a reference point for the user in determining the position of the spray container relative to the surface.

2. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the light beam positioning arrangement includes ~~a light beam generator and an actuator arrangement~~ for selectively operating the light beam generator.

3. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the light beam generator is contained within a housing and the actuator arrangement comprises a switch associated with the housing.

4. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the spray container mounting structure comprises:

a handle arrangement adapted for selective engagement with the spray container; and

5 a manually operable trigger arrangement moveably mounted to the handle arrangement, wherein the trigger arrangement includes a manually engageable trigger area and a nozzle engagement member for operating the nozzle member in response to movement of the trigger area.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The device of claim 4,~~ A spray container positioning device for use in positioning a spray container relative to a surface, comprising:

5 a light beam positioning arrangement for projecting at least one light beam toward the surface, for use in positioning the spray container and nozzle member relative to the surface, wherein the light beam positioning arrangement includes a light beam generator and an actuator arrangement for selectively operating the light beam generator; and

10 a spray container mounting structure in association with the light beam positioning arrangement adapted for supporting the light beam positioning arrangement on the spray container, wherein the spray container mounting structure comprises a handle arrangement adapted for selective engagement with the spray container, and a manually operable trigger arrangement moveably mounted to the handle arrangement, wherein the trigger arrangement includes a manually engageable trigger area and a
15 nozzle engagement member for operating the nozzle member in response to movement of the trigger area;

_____ wherein the actuator arrangement is interconnected with the trigger arrangement for operating the light beam generator upon movement of the trigger arrangement so as to operate the nozzle member.

6. (Original) The device of claim 5, wherein the trigger arrangement includes a movable member and the actuator arrangement includes a movable contact which moves in response to movement to the movable member of the trigger arrangement for selectively actuating the light beam generator.

7. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 6, wherein the actuator arrangement is responsive to movement of the manually operable trigger arrangement for generating at least one light beam when the nozzle ~~arrangement~~ engagement member is moved so as to operate the nozzle member.

8. (Original) The device of claim 4, wherein the handle arrangement includes a housing defining an internal cavity, and further comprising a power supply located within the internal cavity of the housing.

9. (Original) The device of claim 7, wherein the housing is engageable in varying positions on the handle arrangement for varying the position of the at least one light beam relative to the spray container.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The device of claim 4,~~ A spray container positioning device for use in positioning a spray container relative to a surface, comprising:

_____ a light beam positioning arrangement for projecting at least one light beam
 5 toward the surface, for use in positioning the spray container and nozzle member
relative to the surface, wherein the light beam positioning arrangement includes a light
beam generator and an actuator arrangement for selectively operating the light beam
generator; and

_____ a spray container mounting structure in association with the light beam
 10 positioning arrangement adapted for supporting the light beam positioning arrangement
on the spray container, wherein the spray container mounting structure comprises a
handle arrangement adapted for selective engagement with the spray container, and a

manually operable trigger arrangement moveably mounted to the handle arrangement,
wherein the trigger arrangement includes a manually engageable trigger area and a
15 nozzle engagement member for operating the nozzle member in response to movement
of the trigger area;
_____ wherein the actuator arrangement is constructed and arranged to operate
the light beam generator when the trigger arrangement is in an initial position wherein,
when the trigger arrangement is in the initial position, the nozzle engagement member is
20 moved an amount insufficient to operate the nozzle member, for directing at least one
light beam toward the surface before the liquid is discharged through the nozzle
member, and wherein the trigger arrangement is further movable to a spray position in
which the nozzle engagement member is positioned so as to operate the nozzle member
to discharge liquid from the spray container toward the surface through the nozzle
25 member, wherein the actuator arrangement is constructed and arranged to continue
operation of the light beam generator when the trigger arrangement is in the spray
position.

11. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 3A spray container
positioning device for use in positioning a spray container relative to a surface,
comprising:
_____ a light beam positioning arrangement for projecting at least one light beam
5 toward the surface, for use in positioning the spray container and nozzle member
relative to the surface, wherein the light beam positioning arrangement includes a light
beam generator and an actuator arrangement for selectively operating the light beam
generator, wherein the light beam generator is contained within a housing and wherein
the actuator arrangement comprises a switch associated with the housing; and
10 _____ a spray container mounting structure in association with the light beam
positioning arrangement adapted for supporting the light beam positioning arrangement
on the spray container, wherein the spray container mounting structure is configured to
attach to the spray container.

12. (Currently Amended) In a spray container operating mechanism releasably engageable with a spray container having a selectively operable nozzle member for discharging liquid contained within the spray container toward a surface in a spray pattern, wherein the spray container operating mechanism includes a movable trigger mechanism selectively engageable with the nozzle member, the improvement comprising a light beam generator interconnected with the spray container operating mechanism, for directing at least one light beam toward wherein the light beam generator generates a linear light beam, and wherein the light beam generator is configured to direct the linear light beam to strike the surface within the spray pattern, wherein the linear light beam provides a visual indication of defines a point of light within the spray pattern upon striking the surface to provide a reference point for the user in determining the position of the spray container and nozzle member relative to the surface.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~The improvement of claim 12~~ In a spray container operating mechanism releasably engageable with a spray container having a selectively operable nozzle member for discharging liquid contained within the spray container toward a surface, wherein the spray container operating mechanism includes a movable trigger mechanism selectively engageable with the nozzle member, the improvement comprising a light beam generator interconnected with the spray container operating mechanism for directing at least one light beam toward the surface, wherein the light beam provides a visual indication of the position of the spray container and nozzle member relative to the surface, wherein the light beam generator is operable in response to an actuator arrangement, wherein the actuator arrangement interfaces with the movable trigger mechanism for operating the light beam generator in response to movement of the trigger mechanism.

14. (Original) The improvement of claim 13, wherein the actuator arrangement includes a movable contact member interconnected between the light beam generator and a power supply, wherein the movable contact member is movable in response to movement of the trigger mechanism.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~The improvement of claim 12,~~ In a spray container operating mechanism releasably engageable with a spray container having a selectively operable nozzle member for discharging liquid contained within the spray container toward a surface, wherein the spray container operating mechanism includes a
5 movable trigger mechanism selectively engageable with the nozzle member, the improvement comprising a light beam generator interconnected with the spray container operating mechanism for directing at least one light beam toward the surface, wherein the light beam provides a visual indication of the position of the spray container and nozzle member relative to the surface, and wherein the light beam generator is operable
10 to direct a pair of convergent light beams toward the surface.

16. (Original) The improvement of claim 12, wherein the light beam generator is contained within a housing, and wherein the spray container operating mechanism includes a series of walls, wherein the light beam generator housing is releasably engageable with at least one of the walls of the spray container operating
5 mechanism.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~The improvement of claim 16~~ In a spray container operating mechanism releasably engageable with a spray container having a selectively operable nozzle member for discharging liquid contained within the spray container toward a surface, wherein the spray container operating mechanism includes a
5 movable trigger mechanism selectively engageable with the nozzle member, the improvement comprising a light beam generator interconnected with the spray container operating mechanism for directing at least one light beam toward the surface to provide a visual indication of the position of the spray container and nozzle member relative to the surface, wherein the light beam generator is contained within a housing, and wherein
10 the spray container operating mechanism includes a series of walls, wherein the light beam generator housing is releasably engageable with at least one of the walls of the spray container operating mechanism, and wherein the light beam generator housing is releasably engageable with at least one of the walls of the spray container operating mechanism in two or more positions.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of positioning a spray container relative to a surface, wherein the spray container includes a nozzle member for discharging liquid contained within the spray container toward a surface in a spray pattern, comprising the steps of:

5 mounting a light beam generator to the spray container, wherein the light beam generator is operable to generate a linear light beam;

 directing ~~at least one the linear~~ light beam from the light beam generator toward the surface such that the linear light beam strikes the surface within the spray pattern, wherein the ~~at least one linear~~ light beam ~~provides a visual indication of defines~~
10 a point of light within the spray pattern upon striking the surface to provide a reference point for the user in determining the position of the spray container and nozzle relative to the surface; and

 depressing the nozzle member to discharge liquid from the spray container toward the surface in the spray pattern while ~~maintaining~~ judging the position of the
15 spray container and nozzle ~~a predetermined distance from~~ relative to the surface as ~~indicated by the at least one~~ using the point of light within the spray pattern that is defined by the linear light beam striking the surface.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 18,~~ A method of positioning a spray container relative to a surface, wherein the spray container includes a nozzle member for discharging liquid contained within the spray container toward a surface, comprising the steps of:

5 mounting a light beam generator to the spray container;

directing at least one light beam from the light beam generator toward the surface, wherein the at least one light beam provides a visual indication of the position of the spray container and nozzle relative to the surface; and

depressing the nozzle member to discharge liquid from the spray container
10 toward the surface while maintaining the position of the spray container and nozzle a predetermined distance from the surface as indicated by the at least one light beam;

_____ wherein the light beam generator is contained within a housing, and further comprising the step of varying the position of the light beam generator housing relative to the spray container for varying the orientation of the at least one light beam
15 relative to the spray container.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 18,~~ A method of positioning a spray container relative to a surface, wherein the spray container includes a nozzle member for discharging liquid contained within the spray container toward a surface, comprising the steps of:

5 mounting a light beam generator to the spray container;
directing at least one light beam from the light beam generator toward the surface, wherein the at least one light beam provides a visual indication of the position of the spray container and nozzle relative to the surface; and
depressing the nozzle member to discharge liquid from the spray container
10 toward the surface while maintaining the position of the spray container and nozzle a predetermined distance from the surface as indicated by the at least one light beam;

_____ wherein the step of directing at least one light beam toward the surface is carried out by generating a pair of light beams which converge in a direction toward the surface, wherein the point of convergence of the light beams corresponds to an optimal
15 distance of the spray container from the surface during spraying of the liquid from the spray container onto the surface through the nozzle member.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the step of mounting the light beam generator to the ~~housing~~ spray container is carried out by releasably securing a mounting device to a side wall defined by the spray container.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the step of releasably securing the mounting device to the spray container includes releasably engaging a base member with the spray container side wall, wherein the light beam generator is carried by the base member.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein the base member is releasably engaged with the spray container side wall by means of a flexible

retaining member engaged with the base member, wherein the base member and the flexible retaining member encircle the spray container side wall.

24. (Currently Amended) A method of positioning a spray container relative to a surface, wherein the spray container includes a nozzle member for discharging liquid contained within the spray container toward a surface in a spray pattern, comprising the steps of:

5 engaging a handle arrangement with the spray container, wherein the handle arrangement includes a manually operable trigger mechanism for selectively actuating the nozzle member to discharge liquid from the spray container toward the surface; and

10 directing at least one linear light beam toward the surface so that the linear light beam strikes the surface within the spray pattern, wherein the at least one linear light beam provides a visual indication of defines a point of light within the spray pattern upon striking the surface to provide a reference point for the user in determining the position of the spray container and nozzle relative to the surface.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24, wherein the step of directing at least one linear light beam toward the surface is carried out by actuating a light beam generator associated with the handle arrangement.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 25,~~ A method of positioning a spray container relative to a surface, wherein the spray container includes a nozzle member for discharging liquid contained within the spray container toward a surface, comprising the steps of:

5 engaging a handle arrangement with the spray container, wherein the handle arrangement includes a manually operable trigger mechanism for selectively actuating the nozzle member to discharge liquid from the spray container toward the surface; and

10 directing at least one light beam toward the surface, wherein the at least one light beam provides a visual indication of the position of the spray container and nozzle relative to the surface, wherein the step of directing at least one light beam

toward the surface is carried out by actuating a light beam generator associated with the handle arrangement; and

- _____ wherein the step of directing at least one light beam toward the surface is
15 carried out by operating the light beam generator in response to operation of the trigger mechanism of the handle arrangement.

27. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein the step of directing at least one light beam toward the surface is carried out by first directing the at least one light beam toward the surface by initial operation of the trigger mechanism prior to discharging liquid from the spray container through the nozzle member, and
5 subsequently continuing to direct the at least one light beam toward the surface when the trigger mechanism is operated so as to actuate the nozzle member to discharge liquid from the spray container onto the surface.

28. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 25,~~ A method of positioning a spray container relative to a surface, wherein the spray container includes a nozzle member for discharging liquid contained within the spray container toward a surface, comprising the steps of:

- 5 _____ engaging a handle arrangement with the spray container, wherein the handle arrangement includes a manually operable trigger mechanism for selectively actuating the nozzle member to discharge liquid from the spray container toward the surface; and
_____ directing at least one light beam toward the surface, wherein the at least
10 one light beam provides a visual indication of the position of the spray container and nozzle relative to the surface, wherein the step of directing at least one light beam toward the surface is carried out by actuating a light beam generator associated with the handle arrangement;
_____ wherein the light beam generator is contained within a housing, and
15 further comprising the step of varying the position of the light beam generator housing relative to the handle arrangement for varying the orientation of the at least one light beam relative to the spray container.

29. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 24,~~ A method of positioning a spray container relative to a surface, wherein the spray container includes a nozzle member for discharging liquid contained within the spray container toward a surface, comprising the steps of:
- 5 engaging a handle arrangement with the spray container, wherein the handle arrangement includes a manually operable trigger mechanism for selectively actuating the nozzle member to discharge liquid from the spray container toward the surface; and
- 10 directing at least one light beam toward the surface, wherein the at least one light beam provides a visual indication of the position of the spray container and nozzle relative to the surface;
- 15 wherein the step of directing at least one light beam toward the surface is carried out by generating a pair of light beams which converge in a direction toward the surface, wherein the point of convergence of the light beams corresponds to an optimal distance of the spray container from the surface during spraying of the liquid from the spray container onto the surface through the nozzle member.